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Kentucky Office of Employment and Training offers new employment assistance for veterans

Gold Card initiative provides post-9/11 era veterans with priority services

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 14, 2012) — Nearly 6,000 veterans residing in Kentucky will be eligible to receive priority employment services through a new Gold Card initiative. The program is made available by the U.S. Department of Labor through Kentucky's Office of Employment and Training (OET). The Gold Card provides unemployed post-9/11 era veterans with job search services for up to six months to help them succeed in today's job market.

Post-9/11 veterans who served on active duty and were discharged or released for other than a dishonorable discharge may be eligible for intensive individual services which may include job readiness assessment; development of an individual career plan; career guidance; labor market and skills transferability information; referral to job openings and registered apprenticeship opportunities; information about training providers, information about financial assistance for training; and individual assistance of an employment specialist.

Veterans may apply for a Gold Card online at <http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html> or they may visit a local Kentucky Career Center to request Gold Card assistance. To find the nearest Kentucky Career Center, go to <http://www.oet.ky.gov/office/office.asp> or call (502) 564-7456.

This initiative complements current programs that support veterans throughout the Commonwealth. Last year, Gov. Steve Beshear signed legislation that gives hiring preference to military veterans applying for jobs in state government.

OET, an agency of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, helps individuals prepare for, secure and maintain employment; assists employers in locating and selecting the best qualified workers for their job openings; and provides income maintenance to ease the financial burden on individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. For more information, visit www.oet.ky.gov.